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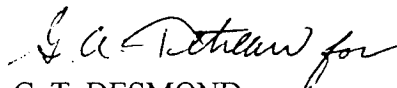
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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District  
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Subj: DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOLLOWING A SERIOUS MARINE INCIDENT

1. Enclosure (1) is a sample self explanatory letter which has been developed by the Eighth Coast Guard District to provide written notification to Marine Employers of their drug and alcohol testing responsibilities following a marine casualty. Effective immediately, Marine Safety personnel shall make every effort to ensure that a locally developed letter of this type is provided to the Marine Employer by the fastest means possible following a marine casualty.
2. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to LTJG Michelle Watson, Drug and Alcohol Program Inspector New Orleans at (504) 589-4419 or LTJG Chris O'Neil, Drug and Alcohol Program Inspector St. Louis at (314) 539-3091 ext 273.

  
C. T. DESMOND  
By direction

Encl: (1) Drug and Alcohol Testing Form Letter following a Serious Marine Incident

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Dear Captain:

The M/V (name and official number) was involved in a marine casualty. (brief description including date and other pertinent data). Consequently, 46 CFR 4.05 - 12 requires you to determine whether there is any evidence of alcohol or drug use by individuals directly involved in the casualty. Additionally, you are reminded of the 46 CFR 4.06-1 requirement for drug and alcohol testing of all involved personnel if the marine casualty meets the definition of a Serious Marine Incident. It should be noted that alcohol can leave the body quite quickly, therefore, testing should be conducted as soon as practicable, and preferably within two hours of the marine casualty.

In accordance with 46 CFR 4.05-10, you are required to submit written notification of the Marine Casualty using CG form 2692 supplemented as necessary by appended forms CG-2692A (Barge Addendum) and/or CG-2692B (Report of Required Chemical Drug and Alcohol Testing Following a Serious Marine Incident). If the results of the chemical testing are unknown when these forms are filed, you must follow up with written notification of the results when they arrive.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to **CONTACT FROM LOCAL UNIT.**

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